

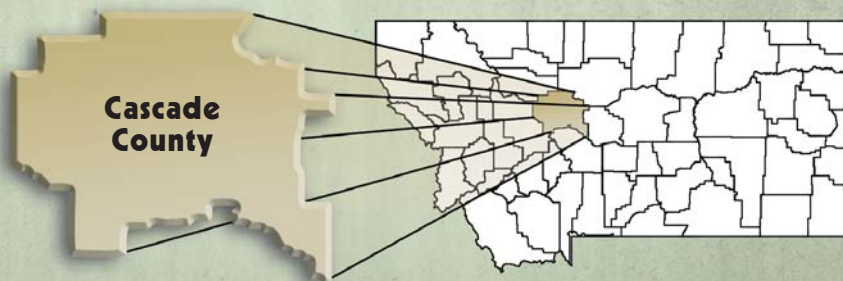
Demographic & Economic Information for

# Cascade County



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# Cascade County

Cascade County is Montana's fifth most populous county, with an estimated 81,775 residents as of July 1, 2007. Great Falls, the county seat, is the state's third largest city, with a population estimated at 58,827 in 2007.<sup>1</sup> Great Falls accounts for 71.9% of Cascade County's total population. Other cities and towns in Cascade County include: Belt, Cascade, Millegan, Monarch, Neihart, Sun River, and Ulm.

Great Falls is bordered on the west by the Rocky Mountains, to the southeast by the Little Belt and Highwood Mountains, and by the Hi-line area to the north. The city is home to Malmstrom Air Force Base, which is a driving force in the regional economy, employing the majority of the 3,872 military employees reported for Cascade County in 2006.<sup>2</sup> Great Falls also boasts the C. M. Russell Museum, the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, and two colleges: the University of Great Falls, and the MSU-Great Falls College of Technology.

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

<sup>2</sup>Bureau of Economic Analysis, <http://bea.gov/bea/regional/reis>

## Resources for Cascade County

### Chamber of Commerce

Great Falls Chamber  
P. O. Box 2127  
Great Falls, MT 59403  
(406) 761-4434  
<http://greatfallsonline.net>

### Newspapers

Cascade Courier  
103 1st Street South  
Cascade, MT 59421  
(406) 468-9231  
[www.cascademontana.com/courier.htm](http://www.cascademontana.com/courier.htm)

Great Falls Tribune  
205 River Drive South  
Great Falls, MT 59405  
(406) 791-1444  
[www.greatfallstribune.com](http://www.greatfallstribune.com)

### Economic Development

Business Expansion And Retention (BEAR)  
Contact: Linda McNeill, (406) 454-3217  
E-mail: [lmcneill@msugf.edu](mailto:lmcneill@msugf.edu)

### Great Falls Development Authority

300 Central Avenue, Suite 406  
Great Falls, MT 59401  
(406) 454-1934  
or (866) 483-2557  
[www.gfdevelopment.org](http://www.gfdevelopment.org)

### Job Service Workforce Centers

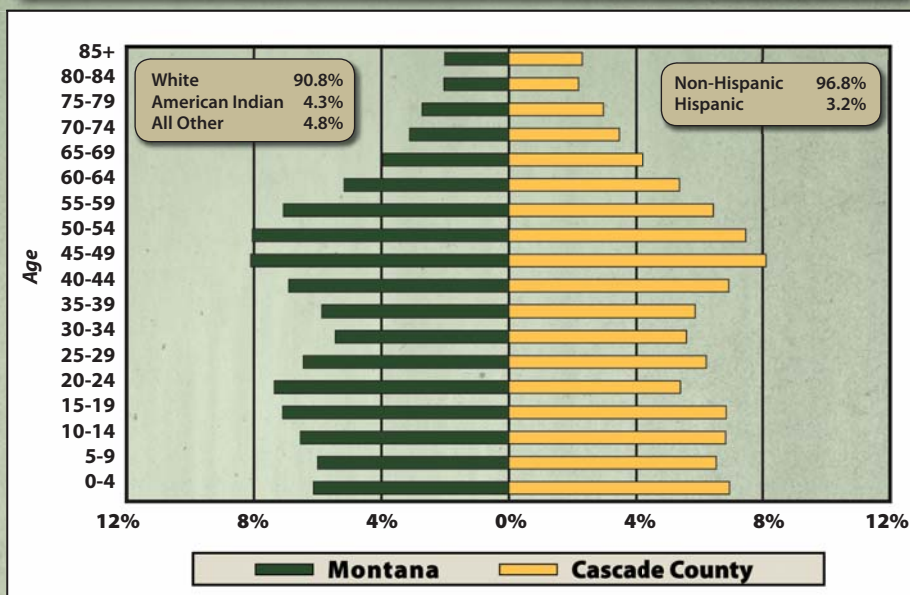
Great Falls Job Service  
Workforce Center  
1018 7th Street S.  
Great Falls, MT 59405  
Phone: 406-791-5800  
[wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/greatfalls](http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/greatfalls)

## Population for Cascade County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2007	Population Estimates							Census
		July 1, 2007	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	April 1, 2000
Cascade County	1.8%	81,775	81,898	81,822	81,714	81,081	80,606	80,390	80,357
Belt city	-6.6%	591	609	622	633	628	619	624	633
Cascade town	-5.7%	772	796	813	820	813	801	808	819
Great Falls city	3.8%	58,827	58,536	58,162	57,729	57,427	57,220	56,942	56,690
Neihart town	-5.5%	86	88	90	91	90	89	90	91
Balance of Cascade City	-2.8%	21,499	21,869	22,135	22,441	22,123	21,877	21,926	22,124

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

## Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Missoula County, 2007



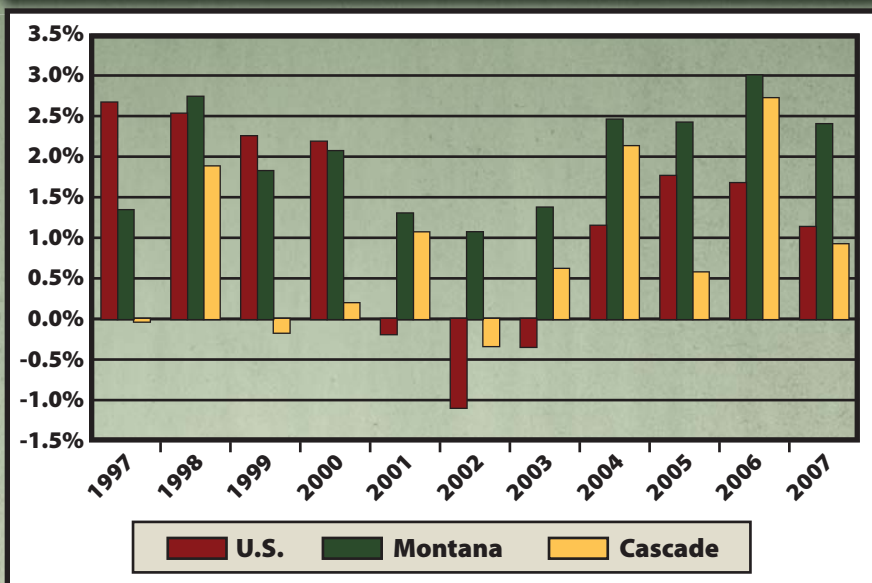
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Population Estimates

## Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Cascade County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	12.9%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	33.3%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	25.5%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	6.8%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	14.8%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.7%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.6%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.3%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2007 U.S., Montana, and Cascade County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Top 20 Private Employers in Cascade County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2008 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertson's Food & Drug	7	McDonald's	6
Benefis Hospital	9	Missouri River Manor	6
Centene Corporation	6	National Electronics Warranty	8
D. A. Davidson & Co.	6	North Central Independent Living	6
Easter Seals - Goodwill	7	Park Place Health Care Center	6
Center for Mental Health	6	Quality Life Concepts	6
Great Falls Clinic	8	Sletten Construction	6
Great Falls Tribune	6	Town Pump	6
Heritage Inn	6	University of Great Falls	6
Macaroni Grill/Chilis	7	Wal-Mart	8

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

## Agricultural Statistics - Cascade County

Farms			
	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
<b>Farms: (number)</b>	1,112	1,037	7%
Land in farms (acres)	1,379,645	1,388,530	-1%
Average size of farms (acres)	1,241	1,339	-7%
Median size of farms (acres)	160	302	-47%
<b>Farms by size: (number)</b>			
Less than 1,000 acres	837	737	14%
1,000 acres or more	275	300	-8%
<b>Farms by value of products sold: (number)</b>			
Less than \$100,000	942	901	5%
\$100,000 or more	170	136	25%
<b>Farms by type of organization: (number)</b>			
Family, Individual, Partnership	1,009	952	6%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	103	85	21%
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested			
<b>Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	64,704	67,182	-4%
Hogs and pigs	17,356	14,403	21%
Sheep and lambs	6,513	9,921	-34%
Horses and ponies	3,243	3,109	4%
Bison	(D)	459	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	60,328	52,498	15%
<b>Crops Harvested (acres)</b>			
Corn for grain	0	(D)	(D)
Corn for silage or greenchop	154	(D)	(D)
Wheat for grain, All	139,782	131,020	7%
Winter wheat for grain	113,473	80,310	41%
Spring wheat for grain	(D)	49,659	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	(D)	1,051	(D)
Oats for grain	292	918	-68%
Barley for grain	27,869	45,306	-38%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	83,511	89,034	-6%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
Operator Demographics			
<b>Primary occupation: (number)</b>			
Farming	496	589	-16%
Other	616	448	38%
<b>Place of residence: (number)</b>			
On farm operated	884	820	8%
Not on farm operated	228	217	5%
<b>Years on present farm: (number)</b>			
Less than 10 years	308	291	6%
10 years or more	804	746	8%
<b>Age group: (number)</b>			
Under 55 years	449	499	-10%
55 years and over	663	538	23%
<b>Average age of operators: (number)</b>	58.2	55.8	4%

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002

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## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2007

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	2,674	34,819	\$31,009
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,564	29,358	\$29,549
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	28	153	\$27,486
Crop production	9	71	\$20,573
Animal production	10	66	\$31,832
Fishing, hunting and trapping	1	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	7	*	*
MINING	1	*	*
UTILITIES	20	187	\$61,583
CONSTRUCTION	317	2,409	\$37,640
Construction of buildings	99	612	\$33,171
Heavy and civil engineering construction	23	610	\$49,906
Specialty trade contractors	196	1,186	\$33,634
MANUFACTURING	65	968	\$40,134
Food manufacturing	15	403	\$39,525
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	4	79	\$34,023
Textile product mills	1	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	2	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	4	64	\$26,534
Paper manufacturing	2	*	*
Printing and related support activities	6	109	\$36,172
Petroleum & coal products manufacturing	2	*	*
Chemical manufacturing	1	*	*
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	2	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	3	33	\$40,564
Primary metal manufacturing	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	2	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	2	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	1	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	8	73	\$27,194
Miscellaneous manufacturing	10	36	\$33,514
WHOLESALE TRADE	150	1,449	\$43,762
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	86	885	\$46,023
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	40	450	\$41,084
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	24	114	\$36,776
RETAIL TRADE	363	5,356	\$22,559
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	55	753	\$32,481
Furniture and home furnishings stores	25	155	\$25,207
Electronics and appliance stores	24	118	\$26,626
Building material & garden supply stores	31	585	\$27,213
Food and beverage stores	28	543	\$20,722
Health and personal care stores	28	255	\$31,659
Gasoline stations	31	464	\$16,918
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	40	373	\$14,336
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	21	322	\$13,605
General merchandise stores	15	1,365	\$19,314
Miscellaneous store retailers	57	357	\$18,428
Nonstore retailers	10	65	\$54,208
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	88	917	\$32,303
Air transportation	3	40	\$27,535

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

\* Data Not Disclosable

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Truck transportation	54	297	\$28,961
Transit and ground passenger transport	6	187	\$16,819
Pipeline transportation	2	*	*
Support activities for transportation	9	144	\$37,992
Postal service	2	*	*
Couriers and messengers	10	234	\$45,861
Warehousing and storage	2	*	*
INFORMATION	41	710	\$34,450
Publishing industries, except Internet	8	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	2	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	7	162	\$32,800
Telecommunications	17	260	\$41,378
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	6	26	\$40,073
Other information services	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	177	1,622	\$50,719
Credit intermediation & related activity	54	715	\$37,731
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	28	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	94	565	\$43,304
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	2	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	120	419	\$20,346
Real estate	100	246	\$20,831
Rental and leasing services	19	*	*
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	2	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	212	1,197	\$47,012
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	10	160	\$35,304
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	135	1,774	\$21,595
Administrative and support services	130	1,751	\$21,476
Waste management and remediation service	5	24	\$30,453
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	23	408	\$21,159
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	259	5,626	\$34,883
Ambulatory health care services	159	1,832	\$45,672
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	21	*	*
Social assistance	78	1,035	\$16,014
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	80	889	\$14,726
Performing arts and spectator sports	9	128	\$22,255
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	5	60	\$20,833
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	66	702	\$12,834
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	233	3,824	\$12,376
Accommodation	24	585	\$15,307
Food services and drinking places	209	3,238	\$11,846
OTHER SERVICES	243	1,289	\$21,387
Repair and maintenance	86	442	\$28,359
Personal and laundry services	43	314	\$18,121
Membership associations & organizations	89	498	\$17,610
Private households	25	36	\$16,479
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	110	5,461	\$38,857
Local Government	46	2,975	\$32,694
State Government	15	870	\$35,923
Federal Government	49	1,617	\$51,771

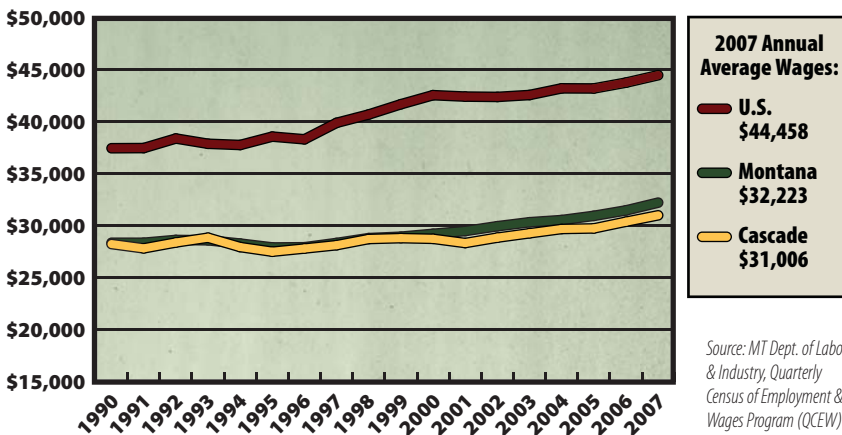
The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

## Annual Average Labor Force - Cascade County

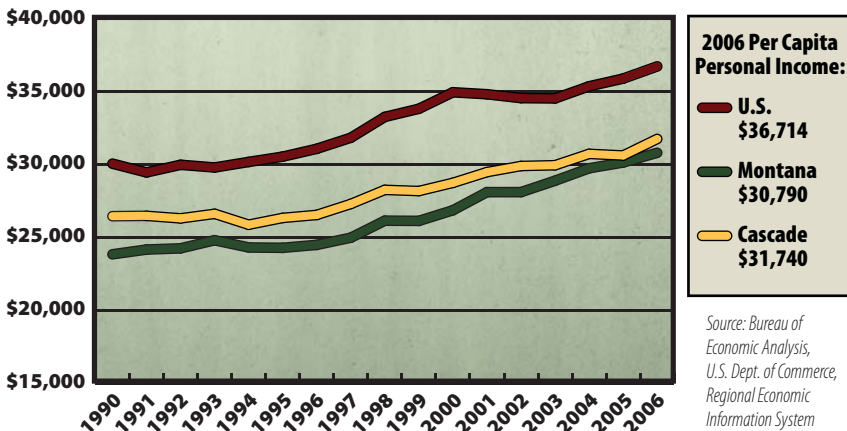
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2007	39,513	38,315	1,198	3.0%
2006	39,540	38,291	1,249	3.2%
2005	38,840	37,406	1,434	3.7%
2004	38,473	36,999	1,474	3.8%
2003	38,288	36,730	1,558	4.1%
2002	37,980	36,347	1,633	4.3%
2001	38,482	36,776	1,706	4.4%
2000	38,328	36,440	1,888	4.9%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

## Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2007 (In 2007 Dollars)



## Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



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